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One issue which, in my view, should figure prominently in drafting the above bylaw, has attracted too little attention.

I refer to the significant increase in vehicular congestion and congestion costs in the city which would be caused directly by permitting Uber to operate in Toronto. Current annual congestion costs are reported to be in excess of six billion dollars, to which must be added an increasing deterioration in the urban landscape and the quality of life.

At a time when city policy is properly directed towards encouraging the use of public transit, permitting a substantial increase in cars-for-hire on the roads can only be seriously counterproductive. Uber has no place in this progressive city.

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